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E.O.11653: NA
TAGS: PGOV, AKB, BQG
SUBJECT: GDR RESPONSE TO ALLIED STATEMENT ON NICO HUEBNER

REF: (A) BONN 8043, (B) USBERLIN 1046

1. DPA, QUOTING EAST GERMAN SERVICE ADN, REPORTS FOLLOWING
STATEMENT OF LIEUTANT GENERAL KUNATH, APPARENTLY MADE ON MORNING
OF MAY 3: "THE DECLARATION OF THE THREE CITY COMMANDANTS OF
BERLIN-WEST ABOUT THE VALIDITY OF FOUR POWER LEGISLATION FOR
THE CAPITAL OF THE GDR IS MEANINGLESS. THE CAPITAL OF THE GDR,
BERLIN IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE GDR IN WHICH MILITARY
LEGISLATION IS COMPLETELY VALID JUST LIKE ALL OTHER LAWS."

2. DPA HAS ASKED U.S. (CHAIRMAN) PRESS SPOKESMAN FOR
REACTION TO THIS RESPONSE TO THE ALLIED STATEMENT MAY 2.
U.S. PRESS OFFICER RESPONDED THAT HE HAS NO COMMENT TO MAKE AT
THIS TIME. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ALLIED STATEMENT OF
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MAY 2 HAD BEEN CAREFULLY THOUGHT THROUGH.

3. COMMENT: IT SEEMS TO US THAT EASTERN SIDE DELIBERATELY
CHOSE TO PUT THIS COUNTER-STATEMENT IN MOUTH OF GDR
MILITARY OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR EAST BERLIN AS A MEANS OF
HIGHLIGHTING FACT THAT GDR MILITARY LEGISLATION ALSO COVERS
EAST BERLIN. (ARTHUR KUNATH, A LTG SINCE 1966, BECAME CITY

COMMANDANT OF "BERLIN" ON JUNE 1, 1971, ACCORDING TO OUR
RECORDS.) AT THIS STAGE WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT EXERCISE
BE REGARDED AS COMPLETED SINCE WE DO NOT SEE HOW A
CONTINUED EXCAHNGE WOULD ADD ANYTHING TO OUR STATEMENT OF
MAY 2. GEORGE

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